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| Applicant       | : Blake Ming Qi Dong, et al.  | Confirmation No. 3296 |
| Application No. | : 09/944,534  |                       |
| Filed           | : August 31, 2001   |                       |
| Title           | : A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE CONTROL AND DISTRIBUTION OF VALUE BEARING ITEMS IN A PC POSTAGE SYSTEM |                       |
| Grp./Div.       | : 3639  |                       |
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Enclosed is an amendment to the above-identified application.

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED                      |   |                               |                           |                      |                      |     |
|--|---|-------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----|
|  | Claims<br>Remaining<br>After<br>Amendment | Highest<br>Number<br>Paid For | Number<br>Extra<br>Claims | Small Entity<br>Rate | Large Entity<br>Rate | FEE |
| Total Claims Fee                       | 39  | *39                           | 0                         | x \$25.00            | x \$50.00            |     |
| Independent Claims                     | 4   | ** 4                          | 0                         | x \$100.00           | x \$200.00           |     |
| Multiple Dependent<br>Claims ***       |   |                               |                           | \$180.00             | \$360.00             |     |
| TOTAL FILING<br>FEE                    |   |                               |                           |                      |                      | 0   |
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| LIST INDEPENDENT CLAIMS: 1, 21, 33, 38 |   |                               |                           |                      |                      |     |

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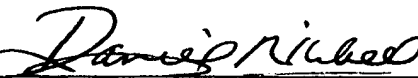
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